

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Amendment to the Sullivan Canyon Line 3003 and 407 Pipeline and Right of Way Maintenance Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0090-R5)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Sullivan Canyon Creek and its unnamed tributaries in the County of Los Angeles, State of California; between Latitude 34.125575, Longitude -118.525902 and Latitude 34.074835, Longitude -118.509665.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0090-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Southern California Gas Company.

The project is limited to routine maintenance activities to upkeep safe and functional conditions for the SoCal Gas pipelines numbers #407 and #3003 and their access roads to meet safety regulations set by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Department of Transportation (DOT). Activities include scheduled inspections and maintenance, as well as unscheduled activities due to the dynamic hydrology of the creek causing erosion and potential for pipeline exposure or road degradation after storm events. Activities include, pipeline inspection, inspection of markers and signage, vegetation maintenance, road access maintenance, pipeline safety enhancement inspections, pipeline integrity digs and repairs, and road repairs. The approved amendment will replace the agreed upon 1.37 acres of restoration at the Cold Creek property with 5.48 acres of preservation at a CDFW-approved mitigation bank. The amendment also lists the Mountains Restoration Trust as the non-profit entity that will hold funds from a non-wasting endowment, or other funding mechanism, based on the approved Long-Term Management Plan and PAR.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is consistent with the requirements for a Class 1 exemption, which consists of operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations to existing facilities. This project consists of maintenance of two existing pipelines (3003 and 407) which supply natural gas as a public utility. Road repairs will consist of negligible expansion outside of the existing road footprint.

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